

EXPRESS MAIL NO. EV333421327US

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**STORAGE MEDIUM LOAD AND UNLOAD APPARATUS  
WITH AN IMPACT DIVERTER**

the specification of which (check one)

X is attached hereto.

   was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year)	___ Yes ___ No
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